

bringing the inter-state rivers on the concurrent list as the existing constitutional provisions are adequate for the centre to take scientific development and management of inter-state river water. However, for integrated development of water resources, setting up of river basin organisation has been contemplated.

### **Telecast of World Cup Matches**

6263. SHRI BJOY KRISHNA HAN-DIQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has acquired the rights to telecast the World Cup Matches held in Australia and New Zealand scheduled in February, 1992;

(b) whether any Cable T. V. has acquired such rights; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) No, Sir. World Cup Cricket 1992 matches played in Australia and New Zealand were telecast by Doordarshan under the Sponsored category.

(b) and (c). Government have no information.

### **Insat Transmission for Telecast of Trivandrum Doordarshan Programmes**

6264 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to utilise insat transmission for telecast of Trivandrum Doordarshan programmes, and

(b) if so, the details there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS):

(a) and (b). Whereas regional service programmes of Trivandrum Doordarshan are, at present, available to a sizeable population of the State from Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum and TV Relay Centres at Cochin and Calicut via microwave made of linkage, satellite-derived regional TV service is envisaged to be introduced in the State subject to availability of requisite space segment capacity, adequate resources for the purpose and inter-se priorities.

### **Development of Pookott Lake (Kerala)**

6265. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the State Government of Kerala for development and expansion of Pookott lake of Wayanand district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

### **Releasing of Telephones from M. P.s Quota**

6266 SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA:  
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has issued a circular recently requesting the Members of Parliament to get their telephones connec-

tions released by the respective Chief General Managers on their recommendations;

(b) whether this change of procedure is made to speed up the process of providing telephones connections;

(c) whether it has come to his notice that even after 40 days of writing to the respective CGMS the sanction letters nor acknowledgement slips to the Members are issued by the authorities; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Film Studios A Dying Legacy**

6267. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "film studios - a dying legacy" appearing in the Financial Express, New Delhi dated December 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to help the film industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir. However, we have no detailed information about the returns from the studios. We also do not have any information whether these are declining. As per information available, the Seth Studios, has been sold by the owners to another party and is going to be an offices etc. complex. It may be mentioned that now the producers prefer outdoor shooting as the shooting in studios is more expensive and less viable. This may be an important reason affecting the film studios.

(b) and (c). Though cinema is a State subject, considering the influence of this media on masses, the Union Government have from time to time been studying the growth and problems of this sector. Necessary steps are initiated by the Government on the basis of recommendations made by various Committees/Groups etc. In the recent past a High Power Committee has studied the problems of film industry in its entirety and have made a number of recommendations for affording reliefs/concessions to this sector. A number of recommendations pertain to State Govt. as the matters fall entirely within their jurisdiction, and the implementation is being pursued with them vigorously, at the highest levels in the Government.

#### **Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh**

6268. DR. Y. S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations has been received regarding electronic telephone exchanges in West Godavari Districts, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action by Government in this regard?